
WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM?

The Community Grants Program finances innovative and creative community-based projects which enrich the social, economic and legal status of Ontario women.

The program is funded by the Ontario Women's Directorate.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Individuals who have resided in Ontario for at least one year, and organizations that have been in existence for at least one year, may apply for a grant. Since funds are limited, however, preference will be given to applicants who have already sought support from all relevant agencies and sources, and to proposals which address priority issues and target groups (see examples below).

The Community Grants Program does not finance on-going expenses or long-term projects.

HOW MUCH ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

The amount of financial support you will receive depends on the project. Grants averaging between \$5,000 and \$20,000 have been awarded in the past, but the program has also supported smaller and larger projects.

WHAT ARE THE SELECTION CRITERIA?

The Ontario Women's Directorate has established the following priority issues and target groups for the program:

Priority Issues

- employment equity (equality of opportunity in the workplace)
- pay equity (equal pay for work of equal value)
- family violence
- education and training (employment-related)
- the impact of technology
- justice issues (such as equality rights, sexual assault and pornography)
- child care

Target Groups

- immigrant women
- visible minority women
- rural women
- women in the north
- elderly women
- native women
- low income women
- girls and young women



ARE THERE OTHER CRITERIA?

Projects should be innovative. They might be pilot projects. They will provide an example to other communities. They must be completed within one year. They must have realistic budgets and goals. And they must include a method for evaluating the effectiveness of the project.

Projects having a national scope will only be financed for the Ontario portion.

All recipients must comply with the Ontario Human Rights Code and other provincial legislation.

WHAT KIND OF PROJECTS HAVE RECEIVED COMMUNITY GRANTS?

- Project Mentor — a program that links high school girls with women in non-traditional occupations.
- A series of regional workshops on pay equity.
- Pamphlets on family violence for use in schools.
- A conference for native women in northern Ontario on starting and operating a business.
- A conference on alternative housing and community support services for elderly, rural women.
- Production of slides for use at workshops dealing with pornography.

- A pilot education and information program for women considering career changes to non-traditional occupations.
- A pilot program to introduce female municipal employees to non-traditional occupations.

HOW ARE PROPOSALS REVIEWED?

Proposals are considered by the Ontario Women's Directorate's Community Grants Review Committee. Recommendations are forwarded to the Minister Responsible for Women's Issues for approval.

Approximately eight to 12 weeks are required between the time an application is received and funds are approved.

To ensure that your proposal is processed as quickly as possible, make sure you complete your application accurately.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Write to the following address for further information and an application form:

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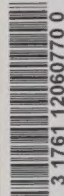
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